

The Role of Cities in an Information Age: ICT Application for Urban Development

Description of event:

This event will focus on the application of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in urban development, city governance, health, housing, tourism, local socio-economic sustainable development in cities, social integration and culture of peace, viable rural-urban linkages and integration of marginal economic sectors (informal sector of cities into the global economic network. The outcome will be used to establish urban Educational Resource Centres and ICT applications for urban development.

Name of organization:

International Research Foundation for Development.

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The International Research Foundation for Development is an autonomous, non-partisan, transnational organization composed of an international community of contemplative thinkers, policy-makers, practitioners, and laypersons who are making a concerted effort to improve the quality of life at various levels of the world. Currently IRFD is planning to implement a project on ICT application for development in marginalized communities.

Partner organizations:

TEK Foundation
The International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD) East Asia Network

Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Vijay Parmer, Policy Specialist, Directorate, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP

Mr. Raul Zambrano, Policy Advisor, E-Governance, UNDP

Mr. Richard Kerby, UN-DESA

Dr. Neville S. Arachchige Don, President/CEO, International Research Foundation for Development

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Ms. Jeannette Chin, Inhabited Intelligent Environments Research Group, University of Essex, UK

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